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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Confirmation No.: 4661

DANILO PORRO Group Art Unit: 1636
MICHAEL SAUER

Examiner: Walter Schlapkohl

Attorney Docket: 2027.594096/RFE

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For: ASCORBIC ACID PRODUCTION FROM

YEAST CUSTOMER NO. 23720

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 22, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2006, for which the three-month date for response was November 22, 2006.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to December 22, 2006, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2027.594096RE.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments to the specification (pp. 3-4), amendments to the claims (pp. 5-9) and remarks (pp. 10-12).